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LEXINGTON MAN INDICTED FOR ILLEGAL FIREARMS

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Lexington, Mo., man was indicted by a federal grand jury today for possessing machine guns and for being a felon in possession of firearms.

Louis E. George, Jr., 48, of Lexington, was charged in a two-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City. Today's indictment replaces a federal criminal complaint that was filed against **George** on March 2, 2006. **George** is the owner of Omega Shop, 908 Main, Lexington.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **George** was in possession of three Sten MK II 9 mm machine guns on March 2, 2006.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **George**, who has prior federal firearms convictions, was in possession of six rifles, three shotguns, a pistol and a revolver on March 2, 2006. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **George** has two 1998 criminal felony convictions for possessing grenades and a 1985 criminal felony conviction for possessing a silencer.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David A. Barnes. It was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

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